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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed May 22, 2006, and the Advisory Action mailed August 8, 2006 for the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.